

## RECOGNIZING HUTTON HOUSE

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hutton House, a State-licensed youth shelter, for providing 30 years of steadfast commitment to troubled teens and their families in Central California.

Hutton House began in 1976 with the goal of providing a safe, temporary shelter for runaway, homeless, and youth in crisis. In addition to providing the shelter, it is also a goal of Hutton House to provide resources aimed at keeping these youth off the streets, out of the criminal justice system and to aid in mending relationships with their families.

For the past 30 years, Hutton House has made great strides to meet and expand its original goals. The center has been remodeled to accommodate up to eight youth, and some of the services they now offer are: individual, group and family counseling; meals and snacks for both residential and non-residential clients; bus passes and transportation to medical appointments; coordination of medical, dental and counseling services; youth development activities; reunification planning so that youth can return home or to another permanent housing situation; substance abuse intervention; and parent education. Hutton House is currently the only facility helping youth from Stockton to Fresno and from the foothills to the Bay area.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Hutton House for 30 years of dedication and philanthropy to troubled youth and their families. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Hutton House years of continued beneficence and success.

IN HONOR OF TED BURKE AND  
BOB MUNCEY**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity of the co-owners of the Shadowbrook Restaurant in the city of Capitola, Ted Burke and Bob Muncey. The Shadowbrook is known as one of the best restaurants in Santa Cruz County. But I am not here to commend them on their wonderful cuisine. I stand here today to thank them for their humanity and kindness to those in need.

Since 1982, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County has created one-on-one mentoring relationships between children and responsible, caring, and dependable adult volunteers. These volunteers provide guidance and friendship to children in need. Many times these adults act as role models to children who lack this type of support system in their homes. The vast majority of the children live in very low-income, single-parent households. The mentoring services of Big Brothers Big Sisters have proven effective in preventing juvenile delinquency and decreasing school drop out rates. It also improves self-esteem, as well as peer-family relationships. By exposing children to new opportunities, the volunteer

mentors show that options do exist; no matter how difficult the child's situation or life experience.

In 1986, Ted Burke and Bob Muncey began a tradition of closing down the Shadowbrook Restaurant to host a luncheon for the little brothers and sisters and their mentors. Ted Burke has carried on this tradition. During the past 20 years, over 1,000 children and volunteer mentors have shared the warmth of the holiday season at a restaurant many of the children may never have had the pleasure to dine at. Not only do the co-owners provide an amazing festive meal to the children, but the staff of the establishment volunteer their time to serve the children and volunteers.

Ted is no stranger to the challenges of raising a family. He has been a single parent and knows the value of mentoring in a child's life. He values those who take their time to spend with children, and he is aware that many of these children neither expect nor ask for anything in return. For many of the children, the holidays serve as an additional reminder of the hardship they face, as there may be very few if any gifts beneath the tree. Ted and his staff kindly share the holiday spirit with these children. This annual luncheon is a way to not only thank the mentors for their dedication and service, but to bring joy to the children during the holiday season.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these reasons it is with gratitude that I acknowledge the Shadowbrook Restaurant during this holiday season for 20 years of unselfish giving.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW ERA CAP  
COMPANY ON THE OPENING OF  
THEIR NEW CORPORATE HEAD-  
QUARTERS**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of western New York's premier local corporate citizens, New Era Cap Company.

New Era began producing hats in Buffalo in 1920 and has been one of the local communities most stable companies ever since.

While the production and corporate facilities moved to the rural region surrounding the city of Buffalo, New Era has always remained loyal to western New York.

New Era is and will always be a western New York company, and they proved that point once again when their new corporate headquarters opened in the heart of downtown Buffalo, Saturday, November 25.

For their investments made into the community and their commitment to excellence, I pay tribute to the New Era Cap Company as they embark on another chapter in their marvelous history.

TRIBUTE TO CLYDE A. THOMAS,  
SR.**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay to pay tribute to an excep-

tional Kentuckian, Judge Clyde Thomas. After serving 16 years as Rowan County Judge Executive, Judge Thomas is retiring and embarking on a new stage of life. I want to express my deepest gratitude for his many contributions and years of public service.

Clyde Thomas' service in Kentucky began almost 50 years ago as a dispatcher for the Kentucky State Police. In 1964 he graduated from the Kentucky State Police Academy and 6 years later was promoted to Detective Sergeant after earning the highest test score in the history of the Kentucky State Police. Clyde Thomas was later promoted to Lieutenant and graduated from the FBI National Academy. Before his retirement in 1984, Clyde Thomas made many positive changes and contributions to the Kentucky State Police, including serving as the first president of the Kentucky State Police Professional Association.

With this keen law enforcement background and a commitment to our community, Clyde Thomas was elected Rowan County Judge Executive in 1989. During his tenure, Judge Thomas has been a strong leader for various job creation and community development projects transforming this rural county into a formidable, regional economic engine. Judge Thomas has championed countywide sewer and infrastructure improvements including the recent expansion of the Morehead Wastewater Treatment Facility. Through his efforts, more than 1,500 homes and businesses have adequate sewer. Another 100 sub-standard road bridges have been upgraded, and over 250 miles of roadway paved all under his careful watch.

Judge Executive Thomas has kick-started several long-term growth initiatives including securing a new Army National Guard Readiness Center, expanding regional healthcare and educational facilities, and working with county neighbors to construct industrial development zones. I particularly want to acknowledge the Judge's strong backing of the new airport in Rowan County which will be a general aviation hub and important gateway to eastern Kentucky. By bringing local leaders together and working with the State and federally elected leadership, including myself, Judge Thomas has brought a first-rate, 5,500 foot, safe and secure airport to our region. This project will bring economic benefits and a robust aviation industry well into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Judge Clyde Thomas for his sacrifice and service on behalf of the people of Rowan County, KY, and the entire Commonwealth. Although his days as Rowan County Judge Executive are drawing to a close, I know his contributions will live on for many years to come. I want to wish him and his family all the best for this new chapter in life.

## HARRY P. MIRABILE, SR.

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harry P. Mirabile, Sr., who was named the Man of the Year Award at the Sicilian Businessmen of Norristown Luncheon on Monday, December 4th.

Harry was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania in 1935 to an Italian immigrant mother and a